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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 2 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

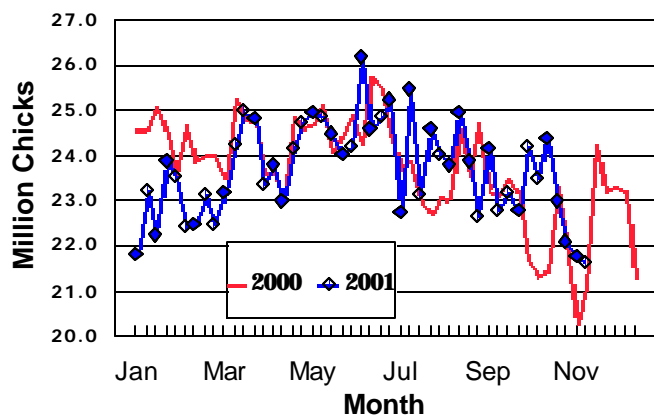
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 21.7 million during the week ending November 24, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2000, but 1 percent below the previous week, and included 2.3 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through November 24, 2001 were 1.11 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 23.0 million, up 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and 5 percent above the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.3 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.6 percent.

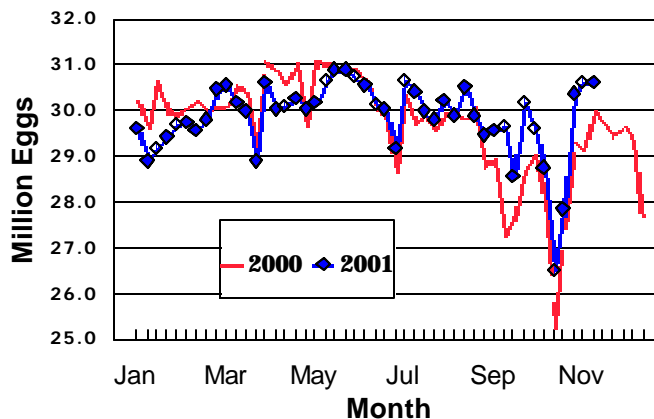
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.6 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending November 24, 2001, up 2 percent from the same period last year but slightly below the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change	2000	2001	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Oct. 20	21,373	23,536	110	23,895	23,599	99	28,080	28,743	102
Oct. 27	21,453	24,413	114	23,812	24,950	105	25,299	26,510	105
Nov. 3	23,339	23,027	99	24,071	24,599	102	27,417	27,837	102
Nov. 10	22,178	22,127	100	23,370	23,854	102	29,319	30,372	104
Nov. 17	20,293	21,795	107	21,014	21,938	104	29,150	30,589	105
Nov. 24	21,146	21,661	102	22,411	23,003	103	29,980	30,582	102

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2000 - 2001



EGGS SET, 2000 - 2001



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BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2001

EGGS SET (in Thousands)						CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)							
	Week Ending				1/		Week Ending				1/		
STATE	03-Nov	10-Nov	17-Nov	24-Nov	%		20-Oct	27-Oct	03-Nov	10-Nov	17-Nov	24-Nov	%
Alabama	27,223 *	27,760 *	27,952	28,678	101		21,974	22,430	20,984	20,256 *	18,995 *	20,562	107
ARKANSAS	27,837 *	30,372	30,589	30,582	102		23,536	24,413	23,027	22,127	21,795	21,661	102
Delaware	3,671	3,609	3,443	3,477	87		4,946	4,527	4,391	4,518	5,570	4,764	104
Florida	2,350	2,290	2,254	2,358	94		2,204	2,047	2,309	2,096	2,218 *	2,516	140
Georgia	29,428 *	31,184	31,031 *	30,653	99		24,887	25,882	25,218 *	23,174 *	23,141 *	23,429	104
Maryland	8,755	8,992	8,176	8,854	107		5,597	5,306	5,068	5,584	4,262	5,321	89
Mississippi	18,089 *	17,023	18,290	18,060	100		15,120	14,801	14,345	13,333	13,886	15,292	109
N. Carolina	17,356 *	18,053	17,870	17,679	96		14,468	13,535	13,410	12,959	13,361	14,202	102
Pennsylvania	3,233	3,747 *	3,840 *	3,659	106		2,740	2,752	2,641	2,496 *	2,563 *	2,571	106
S. Carolina	4,696 *	4,848	4,689	4,642	93		3,635	4,464	3,701 *	3,679 *	3,266	3,755	91
Texas	14,171 *	14,424	14,168	14,591	100		11,619	11,838	11,282	10,136	9,523	11,157	101
Virginia	6,052	6,669	6,611	6,503	105		5,121	5,280	5,785	4,897	4,838	4,741	106
CA TN & W VA	10,554	11,392	10,697	10,689	95		9,113	9,118	8,821	9,241	9,086	9,178	97
Total 2001	173,415 *	180,363 *	179,610 *	180,425			144,960	146,393	140,982 *	134,496 *	132,504 *	139,149	
Total 2000	167,730	177,546	177,548	180,652			140,691	139,655	136,698	130,622	128,656	134,733	
% PREV. YEAR	103	102	101	100			103	105	103	103	103	103	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2001.....							08-Dec	15-Dec	22-Dec	29-Dec	05-Jan	12-Jan	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

*Kentucky	4,881 *	5,048	4,765	4,388	--		4,171	4,435	3,818	3,743	3,694	3,807	--
*Oklahoma	5,729	6,468	6,435	6,413	--		4,531	4,769	4,546	4,819	4,074	4,293	--
*LA & MO	9,166	9,410	9,577	9,301	--		8,313	8,645	9,424	9,040	8,570	9,421	--
19 StateTotal	193,191 *	201,289 *	200,387 *	200,527			161,975	164,242	158,770 *	152,098 *	148,842 *	156,670	

* Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly broiler program.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 180 million eggs during the week ending November 24, 2001. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatch ability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 139 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 24, 2001. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through November 24, 2001 were 6.86 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

NOTE: Beginning January 2, 2002, the Broiler Hatchery report will ONLY be available under "Publications" on the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service Home-Page at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar/>. Please call 1-800-327-2970 if you do not have access to internet service and would like to continue receiving copies of the report by mail.